



# Washington State Migrant Council

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Request for Waiver**

Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2012  
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CC Docket No. 02-6  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to request the FCC grant a waiver for the Funding Year 2012 Form 471 deadline so that our District's two Form 471 E-rate applications will be considered as having been filed within the 'window'.

Our agency has successfully received and utilized funding from the E-Rate program for the past 5 years and it has become very important to our operations and ability to provide quality educational services for children. I am the sole administrator of the E-rate program here at WSMC. This year I used the E-Rate Manager product from Funds for Learning (FFL) to assist me in the filing process. Their process of handling the 470 process is somewhat different than that of the USAC website. Forms 470: 768010000972012 and 339150001031210 were completed on the FFL site and transferred on 12/13/2011 and 02/21/2012 respectively. I had believed that part of the process was completed. It was not clear there was a second step that had to take place on the USAC site, which was to certify the form on a separate (USAC) website; the FFL site does not complete that portion of the process. Once I became aware that they needed to be certified I did so immediately on 03/05/2012, providing the required minimum 28 posting days. This allowed me to post and certify our 471's on 04/02/2012, within two weeks of the 471 deadline that has been waived in prior cases. Additionally, a suggestion was filed with Funds For Learning. They have since included a process bar that better describes what stage the application is in and what actions are remaining.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

Jason R. Gibbons  
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